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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mason et al.

Group Art Unit: 2665

Serial No.: 09/627,253

Examiner: Nguyen, T. D.

Filed: July 28, 2000

Docket No. 1322/40/2

Confirmation No.: 2388

For: PRESENCE REGISTRATION AND ROUTING NODE

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 22, 2002, having a term that will expire on February 22, 2003. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1
--In the peer-to-peer approach, a central server maintains a database of online subscribers and their associated Internet Protocol addresses. After a subscriber logs in, such a server sends the subscriber the IP addresses of everyone on the subscriber's contact list who is also currently logged on.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2
--An entity has control over publication of its presence information. An entity is defined as the unit, e.g., the person, on whose behalf presence information is being

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
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				RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
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INDEP.	7	- 6	= 1	x \$ 84.00	= \$		84.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL			
				ADDIT. FEE	\$		156.00

Total additional fee for claims required \$156.00

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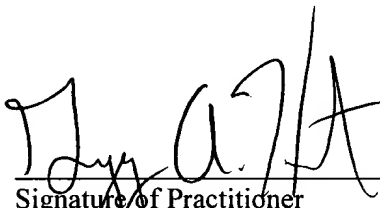
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